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A walk for water's sake



Ojibwe women carry clean water the length of the Mississippi

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

A pail of water may be such a simple thing – something we might all take for granted.

But when that water is carried the entire length of the Mississippi River -- from top to bottom -- on foot -- the significance grows.

That's what a group of Ojibwe women and men are doing. It's called the Mississippi River Water Walk and they're carrying a bucket of fresh water for 1,296 miles. They began the walk on March 1 and plan to be at the Gulf of Mexico on April 30.

The water is pure, clean and drinkable, from Lake Itasca at the beginning of the Mississippi, which is highly in contrast with the dirty, polluted water at the end of their journey -- where it dumps into the Gulf of Mexico.

True, it's an effort to show the world how man has been polluting the water, but it's much more than that.

"The walk has inspired many people. Everyone lives in a watershed and if it's well cared for, it makes the water happy," said Sharon Day,

founder of the annual event.

Sharon is the executive director of the Indigenous Peoples Task Force in St. Paul, having founded the organization 23 years ago. The organization helps people with health and social issues, such as HIV and teenage pregnancy prevention.

"It's the power of thought and intention," she said. "The world would look a lot different if people would think about the consequences of our actions."

And water is a vital component of our lives, she said. When water becomes polluted, so do we.

"Be thoughtful of what you put into the water," Sharon said. "Everything you put down the drain goes back into us."

The most difficult stretch of the journey was near the Twin Cities, where they pushed to make it to the next stop, walking about 32 or 34 miles a day, Sharon said as the group neared La Crosse, Minn.

"We try to walk from sunrise to sundown, from the time we get up to about 6 p.m.," she said.

The idea for the Mississippi River Water Walk came to Sharon about three years ago.

"I live on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River in St. Paul, so I have a close connection with the river," Sharon said.

"Then, in 2011, I was part of the Mother Earth Water Walk," she said. "After it was done, I asked, 'What are we going to do next?'"

In 2011, participants in Mother Earth Water Walk walked around Lake Superior and poured ocean water into the lake. The waters conversed with each other, she said, and grew to know and respect each other.

Sharon and her friend Josephine Mendolin joined thoughts to come up with their own walk for water's sake; the Mississippi River Water Walk was planned. An Eagle staff was carved and

painted blue for the special event. They decided to carry water from the headwaters, where it is pure and fresh, and take it to be joined with the polluted waters at the mouth of the Mississippi in the Gulf of Mexico.

"There are dead zones in the gulf where the waters from Mississippi River enter. Nothing can live in those dead zones and they're growing by the size of a football field every 45 minutes."

The Mississippi River is the second most polluted river in the United States, she said.

"We are trying to raise awareness, get people talking about it and get people to conserve," she said.

Their journey culminates



Mississippi River Water Walk founder Sharon Day speaks to television reporters in La Crosse on Monday, March 18.

at Pilot Town, Louisiana, which is about 60 miles south of New Orleans. There, they will have a water ceremony, perform and few sayings and probably pray, she said. Then they will pour the fresh and clean water from Lake Itasca into the dark murky polluted waters of the gulf.

Sharon has performed the walk every year, but she doesn't think she'll be able to do it next year. Walking that many miles isn't easy, even if they do trade off the tasks among the core group of eight walkers. Other people often join in for a day or two.

But making the 1,296-mile journey three years in a row takes a toll on a body. Sha-



Sharon Day (left) carries a pail of water from Lake Itasca, the head of the Mississippi River, while a local volunteer accompanies her and carries the Eagle Staff. She and her group are walking to the end of the river to deposit the water into the Gulf of Mexico.

ron was particularly sore and stiff when she walked the segment through La Crosse, Minnesota, near La Crosse, Wisconsin, because for two days in a row she slipped and fell on ice.

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Want something special placed in the Hocak Worak? Limited space is available so send your request in early. Submissions will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

To the Editor,

As a former editor of the Hocak Worak, I typically do not submit letters to the editor. I generally avoid submitting letters because I understand how difficult and arduous a task it is to provide accurate and relevant news to the Ho-Chunk membership and I realize that it is a responsibility that few people can understand unless they have sat in the editor's chair themselves. However, after reading the past few issues, I felt the need to share my impressions about the current state of the newsletter.

I am deeply concerned with the recent tenor of the

Worak. On at least three recent occasions, I felt that the front page stories were in poor taste; specifically, the August 17, 2012, the September 28, 2012, and the March 1, 2013 issues. The most recent instance was the March 1 headline, which read "Dan Brown alleges fraud (and) mismanagement at Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison". After reading the front page of the newsletter, I was left with one inescapable thought, "Was that headline really necessary?"

Was it necessary to have such an incendiary headline for that story?

Was it necessary to name the individual making the allegations (in the headline) and was it necessary to name the facility, too? I am not concerned by the fact that the Worak is covering such stories; indeed, I think it is important that they do. However, I am troubled by the tabloid-esque tone that the publication has taken in recent months. I would think a headline such as "Mismanagement allegations surface" or something of the sort would have been a reasonable alternative to the headline that appeared in print. Frankly, I found the

headline to be beneath the integrity of the Worak and certainly not representative of good taste.

One of the most important lessons I learned during my brief tenure as editor was that the Worak is, essentially, a family publication. We are all related in some way and I think it is important to keep that thought in the back of one's head when creating headlines. After all, the titular subject of an article may be someone's father, brother, tega, or son in our community. I appreciate the efforts toward impartiality, but I would argue that it is certainly possible to

maintain independence and tastefulness at the same time.

Finally, a newsletter that represents the Ho-Chunk people should present information in a dignified, unbiased manner. The Worak should challenge our opinions as Ho-Chunk members, but it should do so in an engaging way that encourages us to think outside of the box and better ourselves through the information it provides. We can do better.

Sincerely,
Marcus F. Lewis

Dear relatives and friends,

I know women who possess great strength in how they relate to others. These women look at life in a holistic manner and they exemplify what the word "worthiness" means. They encounter difficulties in their lives and they find a meaningful way to deal with each difficulty. They rely on Mauna to provide support, understanding and encouragement during their troubled times. Life is a journey where many lessons are to be learned by everyone. With each occurrence in our lives there is a relevance to

something that is happening; the lesson learned may have immense magnitude and value in our lives.

When I asked Mauna for the words to write; Mauna answered my prayers by giving me these words. I must thank Mauna for putting these thoughts into my mind. WE rely on occurrences in our lives to teach us a valuable lesson. We can turn any event from negative thinking into positive thinking. After much pondering and thinking I have decided to learn a lesson from our troubled times which will have immense magnitude for

my life.

We may encounter an event where degradation is used as a tool to dishonor and discredit another human being. Given the magnitude of this event I had to turn to my book entitled "MY TIME WITH GOD" to the book of Matthew verse 12 "If you want to have good fruit, you must make the tree good. If your tree is not good, it will have bad fruit. A tree is known by the kind of fruit it produces. The mouth speaks the things that are in the heart. Good people have good things in their hearts, and so they say good things.

But evil people have evil in their hearts, so they say evil things. And I tell you that on Judgment Day people will be responsible for every careless thing they have said. The words you have said will be used to judge you. Some of the words will prove right, but some of your words will prove you guilty."

As I thought of these words, I asked Mauna for forgiveness that when I have used harmful words towards another human being that I may be forgiven. Our ancestors taught us to be respectful of one another to be careful on this road of life and NOT USE HARMFUL WORDS toward a relative. It is apparent that we are in our end times because we do not relate to everyone as a relative through Hocak kinship way. We are related to each other in so many different ways. I am deeply touched when I enter a community building that I am greeted in that Hocak Kinship way. I am elated that someone responds to me by Cuwi or Nani.

When our mind becomes clouded by negative thinking we may become totally consumed by these thoughts

and that we may not see what's in front of us. I will ask Mauna that he could help me when my mind becomes clouded and I cannot see what is in front of me.

I rely on prayer to not allow me to drift towards "deceptive thinking" and to have good thoughts towards others even when harmful words are spoken to us. I may at times have to bow my head and pray that I do not become a victim of negative thinking and resort to saying harmful words and pray for the person saying those words. My mother taught me that "silence is golden" and that when I write to use thoughtful, kind and mindful words to express your thoughts. I thought of a song entitled "This little light of mine" which personifies my thinking at the present time. I hope that you can understand the message that I am sending your way. I hope that we can all pray that we get through these troubled times on a positive note. This is written with loving concerns for our Hocak People.

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Roberta Decorah 1685

Attention Ho-Chunk college students!



Absolute Deadline for Ho-Chunk Scholarship Apps

In order to be considered for Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Division funding, a student must submit his/her Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application (HSA) **no later than two (2) weeks** into the academic institution's term.

For example, if the student's academic institution's term begins May 15, the student must submit their HSA to the Higher Education Division by May 29.

Applications received after the Absolute Deadline will not be eligible for scholarship funding

NOTE: The only item a student must complete and submit to the Higher Education Division by the Absolute Deadline is the Ho-Chunk Scholarship Application

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May 1 (for Fall term)

October 1 (for Spring term)

March 1 (for Summer term)

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"HELL"

I am one who knows Nothing, but, this is my thought about HELL.

All over the world there are many different ideas on just what is Hell, Catholics, one of the ideas we have heard is "separation from GOD", we all agree to it.

Being human we all get lonesome. Sometimes when we get lonesome it is really bad and very difficult to handle and there are many who cannot deal with it. Some doctors have said that being lonesome is the worst thing that can happen to a human being.

Think about when was the time that you had your worst experience in being lonesome, think about that is Hell. It is complete and utter loneliness and it will never end. It will be forever.

God is love and happiness. Hell is just the opposite, Hell is separation from God and it is forever. Every time you feel lonesome think about this.

Thanks
Pat Greyhair,
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Exercise at work

Working out is a wise choice at the Ho-Chunk Nation

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Right step, kick high, left step, and turn about. Lift those legs, kick higher, and swing those hips.

You might think about joining an exercise class might be enjoyable – and you're probably right. And it's a good thing for you.

"It's important for overall health and well-being," said Kathleen Clemons, exercise physiologist with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Clemons and two other exercise physiologists offer exercise classes for the well-being of Ho-Chunk employees. Plus, community members are welcome to join



One of the activities is the Step Exercise, which keeps everyone moving in the correct tempo.

the fun.

"We offer it at the worksite. A lot of people don't have the time otherwise," she said.

More sites have been added to the list where exercise classes will be offered.

Primarily sites in Black River Falls have included the Casino, the Courthouse, District One, the Tribal Aging Unit and the Clinic.

Exercise physiologists Jill Haom and Chris Fredrick conduct similar classes in their respective areas. Haom offers classes in Wittenberg and Nekoosa and Fredrick hold classes in Baraboo, La Crosse and Tomah.

There is a class for everyone, whether the person wants a light to moderate exercise class, or the person wants to persevere and make body toning a priority.

Clemons offers an "Exercise Lite" class on Mondays, which is light to moderate exercise. People attending this class don't have to worry about not keeping up with the crowd. It's made to be slow-paced and user-friendly.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Clemons offers a strength-training class that includes uses of lightweight dumbbells.

The Body Shapers class is a little more advanced and strenuous, Clemons said, with

the degree of workout a little higher.

"We usually have 10 people participating in each class," Clemons said. "People are notified through our own fitness distribution list."

Also, Clemons and the other exercise physiologists promote the classes through the diabetes management classes and the weight management classes. Plus, some people are referred to the classes by their doctors. Both employees and community members are welcome to attend the classes.

"We have several people who attend all the exercise classes. Most classes are held for 30 minutes with the exception of the Body Shapers class, which runs for 45 minutes.

"Most are held at the end of the day, such as the ones held in the clinic conference room, but the others vary throughout the day," she said.

During warmer weather months, sometimes the group will go on a walk on the fitness trail surrounding the Ho-Chunk Executive Building, the Clinic and the Montessori childcare center. Also, water aerobics come into play around May and end in October. Those classes are held in the Majestic Pines Hotel swimming pool.

Clemons also promotes



Kathleen Clemons (right) keeps everyone moving and bouncing to the music during a recent during a Body Shapers class.

a water aerobics class held by Carol Lewis at the Lunda Community Center on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. On occasion, Clemons has accompanied people who were a little apprehensive about attending alone.

An important aspect for any Ho-Chunk Nation employee to know is that time will be granted so they may participate.

"Employee fitness time is allowed for 30 minutes up to three times a week," she said, "A doctor must approve the activity for the employee, plus the employee's supervisor must give permission."

A majority of the classes

are attended by women with the exception of aerobics, in which the guys are a majority.

"They're more into the 'boot camp' type of exercise," Clemons said. "There are some guys who don't think the classes are challenging enough. I tell them to try it one time and if they don't like it, they don't have to come back."

All three exercise physiologists do far more than just exercise classes, Clemons said. Sometimes they perform personal training and consultation, plus they develop programs for teaching people how to manage their diabetes and weight management.

Share the Care

Submitted by Louise Voss
Community Health Educator

It is that time of year again. Time the 10th Annual Share the Care Cancer Conference. The Conference is going to be Tuesday May 7th and Wednesday May 8th. This year the conference is being hosted by the Oneida Nation and will be at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, WI. This year's speakers will talk about topics including "Preventing Cancer and Chronic Disease", "Eat Right, Play Hard", "What should be in your Survivor Care Plan", and "Walking Toward the Sacred" just to name a few. The American Cancer Society is offering a limited number of scholarships for Elders and Survivors so if you are interested ask soon. For more information or a registration form contact Community Health Educator Louise Voss at 715-379-4920 or your local CHR. We look forward to seeing you at this year's Share the Care Cancer Conference. We would also like to note that due to popular demand the limited number of rooms the Community Health Education program provides have already been filled. We hope that this doesn't keep those of you who are thinking about coming from attending. Remember to check with the American Cancer Society to see if there are still scholarships available.

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they are sore and stiff. Another woman is a bookkeeper, so she maintains all the records of their expenditures. Another walker has a stopwatch and is knowledgeable on how to use it, so he lets walkers know when to change shifts. So, in essence, everyone has something to contribute.

"Everyone brings something valuable to the effort," she said. "Everyone has a gift to share with us."

The Ho-Chunk Nation provided the group with a meal and a gas card for the support vehicle.

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Partners in Parenting program going strong in Ho-Chunk country

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The Partners in Parenting program has been going on successfully at the House of Wellness for 3 years and the program in Black River Falls is celebrating its 1 year anniversary this month.

This monthly gathering is for parents and specialists can come together to discuss issues such as nutrition, wellness and many other topics that can assist in the constant job of parenting.

Although not a support group the program has turned into a great discussion and support gathering where parents can come and be comfortable in a very relaxed setting.

According to one of the program coordinators, Shawn Nadeau said "we want the

topics that would be of interest to parents, such as breast-feeding, nutrition for toddlers, cooking with commods and food that you get from WIC, making traditional foods healthier, and many other topics."

The program would like to see more parents, with their children come and use this free service.

Parents can come away with advice and having a place to go to discuss the issues that come up.

Every 4th Thursday of the month they meet at the House of Wellness and the second Tuesday of the month at the Black River Falls clinic.

The coordinators encourage every parent to come by and see the progress the program has made in such a short time.



Allie Isaacson, Shawn Nadeau and fellow PIP coordinator Nicholle Oman.

HIV Testing at the Tribal Office Building

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

On March 20, 2013 in accordance with the National Native AIDS Day the Department of Health and the Community Health Nursing Division held a testing and information program in the atrium of the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls.

The day was created to promote HIV testing in Native communities and decrease the stigma surrounding the disease, the day also casts

light on the challenges of addressing the spread of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) in Native communities.

People working to combat HIV in Indian Country are faced with a double whammy: infection rates are on the rise, but funding sources to fight the epidemic are drying up. And while many reservations can attest to the ongoing epidemic, national

data are lacking to convince the federal government that the problem in Indian Country deserves increasing attention — and increasingly precious funds.

State Health departments in Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota and other states with large Native populations are now seeing 10-15 percent drops in HIV prevention budgets, with up to 33 percent projected. Organizations within those states will have decreased access to HIV prevention dollars.

People are still reluctant to talk about HIV and AIDS and that compounds the data collection problem. Nobody talks about HIV in the tribal government; it may be too complex an issue. There's homophobia. There's HIV phobia. There's AIDS phobia. There's also transgender phobia.

Jessica Tyler, community health nurse in Tomah is co-coordinator of the HIV Prevention Program along with Pam Reimer, the Nekoosa community health nurse. Both were on hand Wednesday to speak and to do the testing.

"With these oral swabs we are able to test an individual without taking blood and the results are available in about 20 minutes" Jessica said.

She also adds that with state grant money available they are able to do more of these presentations.

Tyler states that this is a relatively new program although the tribal health community has been aware and working on addressing this issue.

They also want people to know that these tests are strictly confidential and there is no record of the results.



Community Health nurses Pam Reimer and Jessica Tyler are co-coordinators of the HIV prevention program.



Ruth Garvin speaks to the crowd of 60 about her program Parents Matter.



The crowd of 60 was treated to a lunch during the presentation.



Nurses used HIV Rapid Test on the 23 people that were tested on Wednesday.

The Community Health Department is looking ahead to do more things to bring awareness to HIV and the testing of the disease in the tribal communities.

Also on hand to speak was Ruth Garvin who runs the Parents Matter program which is available for parents who want additional training for speaking to their children about sex. This is also a new program that will be available

to the tribal communities.

The presentation at the TOB was considered a success with about 23 people tested and they served lunch to about 60 people.

Jessica and Pam want people to know that they will be available to do this testing at upcoming tribal events and gatherings.

HCN tourism goes global

Submitted by Collin Price, Public Relations Officer

Wunderbar! That one word sums up my week long journey that took me to Berlin, Germany to experience the worlds largest tourism trade show or ITB March 6-10. Words and photographs can't do any justice when it comes to expressing how awesome this once in a lifetime opportunity was. So, here's the light version.

The Ho-Chunk Nation along with the other 10 tribes throughout the state make up NATOW (Native American Tourism of Wisconsin). Traditionally, the Public Relations Officer maintains a position as a board member and represents the Nation. I was nominated by the other board members to attend and represent NATOW along with the Director Aimee Awonohopy (St. Croix). Our booth and display space at ITB was within the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) booth. The NATOW funded trip's mission was to educate potential tourists and promote Wisconsin tribal tourism.

When it comes to traveling abroad, I'm such an amateur. The trip to Germany was my first time out of the country and the limited research prior to my departure consisted of a few quick google searches and talking to

a few co-workers who provided some insight and tips. People told me "everyone speaks English, you'll be fine." Once we got to the baggage terminal at the Berlin airport, it was apparent that not everybody spoke English. That's when it hit me. Oh snap! I'm in Germany and I don't know how to speak German and I don't know how to read German. I didn't even have a translator app on my phone (I downloaded one my 4th day). Two hours



of travel from the airport using the bus, train, and a lot of walking finally landed me at my hotel.

Our travel plans allowed us a day to acclimate to the time difference and see what Berlin had to offer. I tried some German delicatessen and visited the sights and museums. My favorite part of my touristy agenda was the 3 hour walking tour. Not only did I see

the tourist attractions, our guide was well versed in history and was able to provide an in depth look and perspective on the culture and buildings we visited. With all of the sightseeing and souvenir shopping complete, it was time to get to work.

The first day of ITB was quite the experience. I read and was told that the entire trade show was a very large event and the booths were extravagant. Once I got there, I was immediately overwhelmed at the magnitude of the trade show and the 170,000 feet of exhibition area. The sections of the exhibition area were divided into parts of the world with their respective country's booth and exhibit space. The booths were over the top with moving displays, dancers, food, video, and artwork. I arrived at the AIANTA booth and was excited to hear English spoken and conversations I could understand.

The first few days of the trade show were only open to business people within the tourism industry. The tour operators, travel agents, hotel owners, destination officials, travel writers and bloggers, and media had a chance to go throughout the trade show to meet and mingle with one another and promote their product or destination.

Aimee and I spend these first days meeting with writers and tour operators who were intrigued about the Native tourism in Wisconsin. We were asked a lot of questions about what types of trip itineraries we had available and we provided our NATOW pamphlets to them. But, it was during these questions that I started to pick up on one common theme that was of great interest to the foreign market. Native American Culture.

The foreign tourists aren't concerned about how many casinos we have or how many table games and machines we have. They want to know how we lived, what we ate, what types of art we made, and everything else that makes up our rich history. They have a general fascination and want to learn about Native Americans. Some



of their knowledge and mysticism stems from the TV shows they grew up watching that portrayed the cowboys and Indians gun slinging in the wild west. We made it a point to dispel any rumors or stereotypes they may have and educate them on what we have to offer today.

What do tribes have to offer to the foreign tourism market? A lot. There is certainly a fine line between retaining the stories and traditions of our people and sharing some of those with anyone who seeks to learn or have an interest in the culture. Finding the right balance of sharing cultural traditions with the untapped foreign tourism market can be a huge industry for any tribal nation. There is great potential for tribes to capitalize on this opportunity and see their tourism industry or company bring in millions of dollars just from letting tourists get a glimpse into our world.

As I reflect on the time spent at ITB and the entire global tourism industry, I'm excited for what the future holds for Native tourism and Ho-Chunk tourism. It's certainly too big of a task for OOP PR to handle but I would love to see our Nation develop its own tourism department. There are limitless possibilities with what you could do to attract and see repeat tourists and giant revenues to Ho-Chunk Country. The main reason for having our own tourism department is so that we can tell our own story. We could have control over which traditions get shared and which stories get told. It would be our version, the real version.

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3 Steps to Help Your Family Eat Healthier Meals

■ My Native Plate Placemats Show You How



You can help your family members eat healthier meals. A free placemat called *My Native Plate* shows 3 steps to help your family members know how much to eat:

1. Use smaller plates.
2. Divide the plates into 4 equal portions of vegetables, fruits, grains, and meats/poultry/fish.
3. Watch portion sizes by stacking food no higher than 1 to 1½ inches.

My Native Plate also has tips to help your family members choose healthier foods:

- Eat a variety of vegetables. For breakfast, have some tomato salsa with scrambled eggs. For lunch, have lettuce and tomato on a sandwich. For dinner, have baked squash as your vegetable.
- Eat a variety of fruits. For breakfast, have half an orange. For lunch, have a small apple. For dinner, have canned peaches without syrup.

- Switch to whole grains. For breakfast, have one corn tortilla. For lunch, have a small, whole-wheat bun. For dinner, have brown rice instead of white rice.
- Choose lower-fat dairy. Drink low-fat, lactose-free or soy milk. Eat low-fat yogurt and low-fat cheese.

On the front page of *My Native Plate* there is a photograph of a 9-inch plate with baked squash, canned peaches, brown/white rice, baked deer meat, and low-fat milk. On the back, there are photographs showing sample breakfast, lunch, dinner, and youth plates.

You can find *My Native Plate* on the IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention website:

www.diabetes.ihs.gov

Click on *Printable Materials*, then *Nutrition*. Best if printed on a color printer.

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Scott Kingswan begins truck racing season

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

On March 21, 2013 an open house, sponsor appreciation and fund raiser was held for the Scott Kingswan Racing Team at the Yahara Bay Distillery in Madison. This event was held to help introduce Scott and his team to this year's racing season that will start on May 5th at the Madison International Speedway.

The event brought the sponsors, supporters and fans of the Scott Kingswan team together to kick off what is hoped to be a successful first full year on the track.

Along with sponsors at the event there were several booths set up, among them was the Midwest ARCA Tour which is the tour that Scott will be racing in this season.

Ever since he was a kid, Scott Kingswan has been around racing. He said he remembers when he was growing up and going to races with his dad on a regular basis. "I can remember the names of most of the drivers back then" he said. He went to a lot of races back then.

Born and raised mostly in Madison, but living for a short time in Black



Scott's new number 36 truck that he will be driving this season.

River Falls, Scott's father is Tony Kingswan (who was also a racer back in the day), and his mother is Elaine Kingswan. At age 14, when his parents divorced, he had a hard time and unfortunately, what happens so often the effects of divorce end up showing up later in life. He said that he battled alcoholism up until about 4 years ago.

Now clean and healthy, his eye is on his racing career and with his new car that owner Mike Carmichael purchased for his team; he is ready to get this season going.

"It's been a very busy year and we are out there looking for sponsorship and that at times has been difficult to find" Scott said.

Scott is currently employed at Ho-Chunk Gaming in Madison and has been working on getting more support from the Nation. He has met with tribal leaders in the past and is still hoping that the Nation will play more of a role as a supporter of his team.

The Vice President of ARCA, Steve Einhaus, has also been quite instrumental with helping Scott with presenting his proposal to the Nation. He has been a supporter of Scott and hopes that more minority drivers will have opportunities to get into racing through Scott's example.

"It's a great inspiration for our tribal members, to show you can battle back from alcoholism and make something of your life." Scott said.

He hopes to be able to use this career to reach out to the youth of the Nation and hopefully have some of the kids become familiar with the sport of racing.

He is planning on inviting the



ARCA vice president Steve Einhaus, Scott Kingswan and truck owner Mike Carmichael of MAC Racing.

youth groups to races in hopes of introducing some to this sport that has been such an important part of his life since his youth.

He is anxious to get this season started and hopes to successfully represent the Nation, his family, friends and fans.

He has a lot of people he would like to thank and especially all those that have been by his side making his dream become a reality. Just to name a few, his dad and brother Tony and Joe Kingswan, and ARCA vice-president Steven Einhaus for believing in him when nobody else would.

To learn more about the Automobile Racing Club of America Midwest Tour, log on to arcamidwesttour.com. For questions call the ARCA Midwest

Tour office at (262) 729-4111 or Tim Olson at (612) 327-5831 or Steve Einhaus (630) 212-6022 at or e-mail Tim Olson at tim@arcamidwesttour.com or Steve Einhaus at steve@arcamidwesttour.com.

The Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA) is among the leading auto racing sanctioning bodies in the country. Founded in 1953 by John and Mildred Marcum, the organization administers more than 100 events each year in multiple racing series, including the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards, the ARCA/CRA Super Series, the ARCA Truck Series and the ARCA Midwest Tour, plus weekly racing at Toledo and Flat Rock Speedways.

Several Ho-Chunk youth wrestlers go to State this year

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

The 2013 WWF Kids Folkstyle State Tournament was held on Friday and Saturday, March 22 and March 23, 2013 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. Among this year's

participants were several of our own Ho-Chunk youth wrestlers from the Dells and Reedsburg area.

All of the wrestlers did well but unfortunately only one will go on to the Nationals next month in Iowa. Taylor Houghton Jr. age

10 will represent the Dells wrestlers this year. The son of Nicole Leonard and Taylor Houghton, who has been wrestling for 4 years, won all of his matches by pins, finished in first place.

Langston Brown, who has been to State 4 years in a row finished third in his category and will take a short break before his training in the Freestyle method of wrestling.

Elijah Leonard had a son and a daughter in this year's championship rounds.

His son Elijah Jr. 9 and his daughter Elicia age 8 were both eliminated in the second round of action, but still had a great season and are looking forward to next year's competition.

Their father Elijah Leonard Sr. is one of the assistant coaches for the Dells team. The Wisconsin Wrestling

Federation, guided by USA Wrestling, provides quality opportunities for its members to achieve their full human and athletic potential.

Wisconsin Wrestling Federation will strive to be USA Wrestling's best state organization.



Elijah Leonard Jr. prepares for his match.



T.J. Houghton on his way to the Nationals in April.



Langston Brown in his 4th trip to State.



Dad Elijah Leonard preps his daughter Elicia for her match.

Ho-Chunk Nation makes significant investment in Vision 2017

Submitted by Nancy Smith, Shawano Country Vision 2017

The Ho-Chunk Nation recently demonstrated their support of Shawano Country Vision 2017 with a platinum level investment. The commitment came in the form of a resolution passed by their Tribal Legislature on March 6, 2013. The resolution recognized the importance of Shawano Country Vision 2017 in helping businesses create jobs which will improve the quality of life for all Shawano County residents, including Ho-Chunk members. According to Hope Smith, Ho-Chunk Tribal Legislature Secretary, this is an important opportunity to create stronger partnerships. "It is an honor and privilege to work together in our efforts to promote businesses and thereby creating jobs for all the residents of Shawano County. When word gets out that we are working together we may be drawing businesses into Shawano County that will benefit us all," said Smith.

As a platinum investor, the Ho-Chunk Tribe will have representation on the Shawano Country Vision 2017 Executive Oversight Council. The Executive Oversight Council is responsible for ensuring that funds raised for the initiative are prioritized and administered in a manner that represents the best interests of all the program's many investors. To date the capital campaign for Shawano Country Vision 2017 has received cash pledges totaling \$965,000 from over 80 corporations, municipal and tribal government, local businesses, foundations and individuals. "This significant investment from the Ho-Chunk Nation pushes our total very close to the \$1 million mark. That is exciting. We welcome investments

of any level to help us reach our goal of \$1.27 million so we can have the greatest impact on job creation with Vision 2017," said Steve Sengstock, executive director, Shawano County Economic Progress Inc.

Executive Oversight Council Chairman Robert Nueske is pleased and excited to have Ho-Chunk Nation's participation. "We thank the Ho-Chunk Nation for reaching out to partner with us on this effort. It is empowering for us all to be a part of this proactive initiative which will have a positive impact on our business and community," said Nueske.

In addition to Ho-Chunk Nation representation, members of the Shawano Country Vision 2017 Executive Oversight Council include Chairman Robert Nueske, Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats; Vice-Chairman Charlie Harvey, Charlie's County Market; Robert Chicks, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians; Dan Miller, Associated Bank; Dan Gast, CoVantage Credit Union; Glen Gilbert, CRI/Genex Cooperative Inc.; Mary White, Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats; Dorothy Erdmann, Shawano Medical Center, ThedaCare; Lee Crawford, TimberPro Inc.; Arlyn Tober, Shawano County; Jim Feeney, Wisconsin Film & Bag Inc.; Char Larsen, Premier Investment Services; Steve Sengstock, Shawano County Economic Progress, Inc. and Nancy Smith, Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce. The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce and SCEPI will administer Shawano Country Vision 2017.

Shawano Country Vision 2017 is a five-year economic development plan strategically designed to address various needs of area businesses and communities. The plan's overall



Shawano Country Vision 2017 representatives accepted the first installment of Ho-Chunk Nation's investment at the Ho-Chunk Tribal Offices on March 8. Pictured (L-R) Greg Blackdeer, Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President; Steve Sengstock, Shawano County Economic Progress, Inc.; Nancy Smith, Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce; Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Legislature Representatives Heather Cloud and Hope Smith; and Jim Webster, Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Director of Business.

goal is to create 1,000 jobs paying an average of \$16 per hour, by implementing specific action steps in key areas, including business expansion, attraction and recruitment; tourism/retail development and community development. This plan was initiated two years ago by the board of directors of SCEPI and the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce to proactively tackle economic challenges including several plant closures, job losses, and lower

than average per capita income. It will provide a blueprint for future growth and prosperity and a stronger economic climate for Shawano and Menominee Counties. Shawano Country Vision 2017 is the first major fundraising campaign undertaken cooperatively to promote job growth in Shawano and Menominee Counties. For more information contact the Chamber at (715) 524-2139 or chamber@shawano.com.

Ho-Chunk Gaming at UW Badger basketball practice

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On February 5, the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells and Madison were invited to attend the Wisconsin Badger men's basketball practice as part of the sponsorship to UW Athletics. Ho-Chunk Gaming high rollers and the Ho-Chunk

Nation Legislature were invited to attend.

Attendees heard from Badger Coach Bo Ryan. Janie Moll, Casino Host Manager at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells said, "Coach Ryan is such an awesome man. What a great storyteller." Attendees were also given guided tours of the Kohl Center.

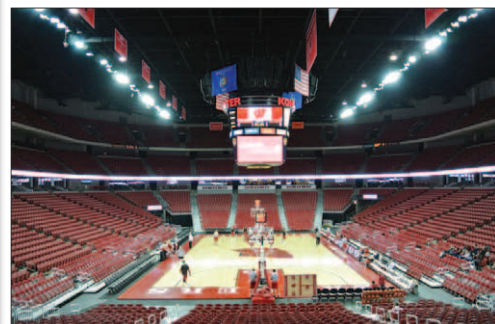
An added surprise to the event: Ron Dayne, who is a former Wisconsin Badger football running back and 1999 Heisman trophy winner. Dayne was drafted by the New York Giants in 2000. He also played for the Denver Broncos and the Houston Texans.



Storm WhiteEagle, Ron Dayne, and Joe WhiteEagle Jr. at the Wisconsin Badger basketball practice.



Coach Bo Ryan, left baseline, spoke with attendees from Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells and Madison prior to practice.



Men's Badger basketball team practices inside the Kohl Center.

Thunder co-authors book

'Beyond the Asterisk: Making Native Students Visible in Higher Education'

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Tribal member and Executive Director of the Department of Education Adrienne Thunder has co-authored one of the 10 chapters in the newly-released book, *"Beyond the Asterisk: Understanding Native Students in Higher Education."*

The book is an "important and much-anticipated addition to the (education) literature" which will help "shift the landscape of Native American college student experiences towards success" (from the Foreword, by Dr. John Garland).

The chapter written by Thunder and Steven Martin (Muscookee Creek) is titled "Incorporating Native Culture into Student Affairs." The book was released on March 19.



Adrienne Thunder

The chapter highlights how institutions can help Native students honor their varied identities and ways of being they bring with them when they go to college.

"No Native college student should be asked to check his or her cultural identity at the college gate," Martin wrote. The chapter stresses the importance of

having culturally supportive spaces, people, and activities available to them while they attend college.

The book is the product of nearly 10 years of discussions and meetings, individually and collectively, between Native people working in student affairs across the country, Thunder said.

"The roots for the book came from a meeting held in 2003 at the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign," she said. "My friend and colleague, Molly Springer, gathered a group of us together to explain the work we do to support Native students while they're in post-secondary education to some of her colleagues there at UIUC."

At the time, the Native students were experiencing a harsh campus climate while the debate over UIUC's use of an Indian mascot was raging. The work of Native student affairs was especially important to support Native students and also to educate the rest of the campus on Native issues, Thunder said. From that meeting and ensuing conversations in-between, a call was issued to begin organizing their work and developing the field of Native American student affairs. It was during that time that the idea for the book was born.

"Beyond the Asterisk" contains 10 chapters, each on different aspects of higher education, including first-year programs, residence life, fraternities and sororities, Native Student Affairs offices, and Native faculty and administrators, written by both Native and non-Native practitioners, administrators, and faculty in Native student affairs.

The authors are also



"Beyond the Asterisk" authors include (from left) Steven Martin, Dr. Heather Shotton, Danielle Terrance, Dr. Michael Pavel and Adrienne Thunder.

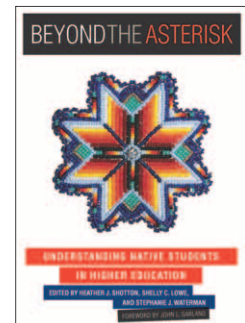
members of two subgroups of the national student affairs organizations: the Native American Network of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), of which Thunder and Martin are members, and the Indigenous Peoples Knowledge Community of the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

"When we wrote the first draft of the chapter, I was still working as a senior advisor at the Cross-College Advising Service (an academic advising unit for undeclared students) at UW-Madison," Thunder said. "I was fortunate enough to work with a director who saw that our work outside of our assigned academic advising duties was important to informing the work we did advising students."

"As an extension of my advisor role, I got to participate in, facilitate,

and advise Native student development, leadership, and recognition opportunities, including the Alpha Pi Omega Sorority (founded at the University of North Carolina and the first historically Native sorority in the country), Wunk Sheek (UW-Madison's Native student organization and one of the oldest in the country), and the Madison All-City American Indian Graduation Ceremony (which we modeled after Milwaukee's and brought all of the Madison Native community together each spring around Native student achievement)," Thunder said.

"We are trying to create more and better opportunities for our students. What we tend to find is that practices that serve Native students well tend to serve all students better," Thunder said about their work and the book. "When the opportunities to retain and share cultures



The book, *"Beyond the Asterisk,"* was recently released for sale to the public.

aren't present, there is cultural discontinuity – a clash of values," Thunder said. "By including Native culture in post-secondary education, it raises up the whole community. We can create a win-win situation, as education should be."

Medal of Honor Day

Submitted by Secretary John A. Scocos

Wisconsin recognizes Medal of Honor Day on March 25 and in doing so recognizes the 62 Wisconsinites who have received our nation's highest honor for combat bravery. Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. of the Ho-Chunk Nation is one of those soldiers who distinguished himself with complete selflessness and in doing so made the ultimate sacrifice of his life.

The Wisconsin tradition of brave military service dates back to the Civil War when the Medal of Honor was awarded for the very first time. The first medal was awarded on March 25, 1863 during the Civil War. Six members of Andrew's Raiders were awarded the medal for their actions in a dangerous mission behind Confederate lines that eventually led to their capture and imprisonment at a southern prisoner-of-war camp. Secretary of War Edwin Stanton awarded the six their medals after their release in a prisoner exchange and the war secretary heard the in-depth details of their actions. In a similar tradition to today, the six raiders then met President Abraham Lincoln.

Red Cloud's actions came during the early days of the Korean War in 1950. Already a Marine Corps veteran from the Pacific Theater in World War II where he served at Guadalcanal and Okinawa, Red Cloud joined the Army before the Korean conflict began and saw action with the 24th Division in the first battles of the war.

On November 5, 1950, near Chonghyon, Red Cloud was manning his position in front of the company command post and was the first to see a surprise attack by Chinese Communist forces less than 100 feet from him. He immediately started delivering automatic rifle fire to suppress the enemy and give the rest of his company time to mount a defense. His Medal of Honor citation states Red Cloud fearlessly maintained his firing position until he was wounded, at which point he got back to his feet and continued firing. His heroic actions were decisive in saving the rest of his comrades. He was killed in action and his fellow soldiers found his body the next morning, surrounded by numerous dead Chinese forces.

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs is especially proud of the all veterans who served our nation and we are proud to honor and remember their sacrifice. In honor of Mitchell Red Cloud, we have recognized him with a display at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls where his story can live on and continue to be told. There is also a Medal of Honor hallway in the veterans home that showcases 11 other medal recipients from Wisconsin who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Wisconsin veterans have always answered the call to service and sacrifice, with soldiers like Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. being an example of extreme selflessness that both soldiers and civilians respect and admire.



Wisconsin Supreme Court Candidates Debate

Marlon WhiteEagle, Editor

On Friday, March 22, the candidates for a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court spoke in a debate held at the State Bar Center in Madison. Incumbent Justice "Pat" Patience Roggensack and Marquette Law Professor Edward Fallon made their points as WISC-TV anchor, Eric Franke, moderated. The winner of the April 2 election will have a 10 year term on the court.

Roggensack is seeking her second term on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. She was physically and literally in the middle of the altercation between two Supreme Court Justices, David Prosser and Ann Walsh Bradley, that gained national attention in June 2011. Justice Roggensack recused herself from the case, as she is a material witness.

Meanwhile, Fallon says, "There has to be a hearing. The public needs to hear the evidence. It's been almost two years, and where there is no resolution, when the case is stuck in legal limbo ... then there is no accountability." Fallon has campaigned as the guy to fix the dysfunction within the court. He said, "I can change the court for the better."

Both candidates vowed to seek resolution in the Prosser/Bradley altercation. A three judge court of appeals to decide if ethic violations happened will

move the proceedings forward.

Roggensack defended a 2009 rule that campaign contribution are not enough to force a justice to recuse themselves from hearing cases involving donors. She said, "The rule is today as it has always been." Fallon said, "Changing the rule is essential so that people do not believe cases were swayed by donations."

Roggensack is a graduate of U.W. Law School (1980) and was elected to Wisconsin Supreme Court in 2003. She previously served seven years (1996-2003) as a judge on the state court of appeals. She practiced law for 16 years before becoming a judge. Roggensack received a bachelor's degree in biology from Drake University.

Edward Fallon graduated from Boston University School of Law (1988) and has taught constitutional, corporate, and criminal law at Marquette University Law School for 20 years. Fallon has practiced law for 25 years, most currently at Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan LLP, Milwaukee. Fallon obtained a bachelor's in Spanish and Literature from Boston University.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that Supreme Court races are nonpartisan, but Roggensack has received backing of Republicans, while Fallon has received backing from Democrats.



2013 Wisconsin Supreme Court candidates, Marquette Law Professor Ed Fallon and Justice Pat Roggensack, debate at the State Bar Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

Roggensack is also receiving endorsements from law enforcement, District Attorneys, while Fallon is receiving endorsements from unions.

Roggensack received 64% of the votes in the primary election. She said, "I wouldn't mind receiving 64% again. We are campaigning like when we started. We don't have polls, we don't know anything until all the votes are counted."

Legislator challenges Election Board on two-term limit

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Legislator Robert Two Bears has challenged the legitimacy of the March 5 Primary Election.

He contends a Legislature candidate in the election was ineligible because she had already served two consecutive terms and he was requesting the March 5 to be decertified.

Two Bears took his case against the Ho-Chunk Nation Elections Board to Tribal Court on Thursday, March 21 with the Honorable Judge Jodene Lowe presiding.

Two Bear, without legal counsel, contended that Kathleen Whiterabbit, his opponent in the March

5 primary, had previously served two terms, therefore was ineligible to serve again.

Whiterabbit was present in the courtroom, along with Gregory Littlejohn and James Greendeer, who all indicated verbally that they wished to intervene on Two Bear's challenge.

The contentious issue arose because the Legislature had passed a Constitutional Amendment which limits legislators to two consecutive terms, but had not specified if the legality of the amendment pertained to terms served prior to the passage of the law, or if it only applied to terms served from the date of passage of the law and forward.

"There seems to be two legal issues," said Defense Attorney Heidi Drobnick.

"One is the election results and the other is whether the two-term limit applies retroactively or prospectively."

Drobnick also stated that she had not received specific documents from Two Bears prior to the hearing.

Two Bears replied that he had attempted to email the documents, but the Nation's email had been down for more than a day and it was not possible.

Two Bears contended that, during a closed session of the Legislature on Aug. 21, 2012, the Attorney General had offered the opinion that

the amendment applied to legislators who had served two consecutive terms in the past.

Judge Lowe questioned the obligation of the Election Board to follow the direction of the Attorney General. She said that the necessary documents needed to be submitted soon because of a compressed time line to get the matter settled before the General Election on June 4. Two Bears said he would have the papers submitted as soon as possible.

A motion hearing on the matter was set at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27.

"We need the letter from the Attorney General, if the document should be disclosed



Robert Two Bears

by the Legislature. The Court doesn't have the document. It needs to be provided. If not, it could negatively impact your complaint."

BRF School Board candidates share views in debate

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Four candidates are vying for a seat on the Black River Falls School Board. Three of those candidates met for a debate on Tuesday, March 12, at Gebhardt Elementary School.

Present were Tina Boisen, Dave Mack and Amy Hoffman. Not present was Todd Stittsburg, who was attending an athletic award ceremony in which his son was to receive an award. Boisen is the incumbent candidate.

Questions from the audience were posed to the candidates, with each given a chance to answer with no time restrictions. Here are just a few of the topics covered.

Act 10

The candidates were asked their opinions about Act 10, the act undertaken By Gov. Walker to end collective bargaining with teachers unions.

Boisen said they have to make it work for them, that they really don't have a choice. "It is what it is," she said.

"The fact is that it shouldn't be 'us versus them,'" Mack said. "The truth is that school is a large business."



Candidates (from left) Tina Boisen, Dave Mack and Amy Hoffman answer questions from the audience.

Hoffman said that Act 10 made it possible for the School Board to work within the budget. "Collective bargaining took out the room to work with the budget," she said. "Collective bargaining has a stranglehold on the budget."

Bullying

Hoffman said dealing with bullying is difficult and when dealing with bullying, it is hard to stop it. "As hard as we try, we can't completely eradicate it," she said. Hoffman said her own son had been bullied and that is one of the reasons she decided he should be homeschooled. "We never really solved the problem. Boys don't like to talk about it – they just shut down. It's a hard thing to get rid of." She said they can't make radical changes, but the proactive steps are missing.

Mack said bullying occurs all over the country and that it's difficult to recognize when it's happening. Bullying is often subtle and any actions happen indirectly and teachers often don't know it's going on. "It doesn't just happen at school. It happens in the workplace and all of society. "Are we doing enough? How much is enough? Stopping bullying is never done, but we're doing everything we can do."

Boisen said bullying has become a national and a community concern and that it has become a way of life, and that people choose to bully other people. "It comes from the family," she said. Cameras have been placed in the schools and anti-bullying messages are written on walls of the schools. The educational things have been put into place, she said. "There's always room for more, but it's more than just the school can solve. The schools have been doing more to stop it than they ever have," Boisen said.

School voucher program

Gov. Walker has suggested that schools work under a proposed school voucher program in which students can attend the schools of their choosing, public or private, with the state paying the school for the tuition costs.

"I'm opposed to the voucher system," Mack said.

He said it would create more problems and would be difficult to enforce quality education.

"I agree," Boisen said. "Accountability is my main concern. The question becomes how the private schools would be held to the same standards as the private schools."

Hoffman disagreed with the other two candidates. "I agree with vouchers," she said. "The students should be able to go where they are best served. Why should tax dollars go with them to a dangerous school?"

Facilities referendum

Should a facilities referendum be passed to improve the present facilities?

Hoffman said the Third Street Elementary School is old and it's hard for anyone disabled to get around. Yet, it would be difficult to make it meet the requirements without going overboard.

Mack said that it's difficult to keep putting money into upgrading old buildings. He thinks it would be best to pass a referendum and get the whole community to help build a school.

Boisen said the present buildings are in dire need of upgrades. It would be her dream to see a central building constructed to have all schools together, instead of the present system. "We need quality facilities," she said.

State and Federal testing

With mandatory state and federal testing playing such a big role in school funding, how do those tests affect how a teacher instructs students?

"I don't believe in teaching for the tests," Boisen said. "I'm not fond of the testing, but decisions are based on that data. Teachers should stick to what they do best."

"I have never been a fan of teaching to the test, but teachers are forced into it," Mack said. "It's not what they should be doing every day."

If teachers are instruction the core curriculum, they'll do alright, Hoffman said. Teachers should offer a variety of subjects and provide additional subjects and go "off the beaten path."

**HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC)
TITLE 4 – CHILDREN, FAMILY AND
ELDER WELFARE
SECTION 12 – HO CHUNK DISABILITY CODE
ENACTED BY LEGISLATURE:
CITE AS: HCC 4 § 12**

This Code, HCC 4§12, Ho-Chunk Disability Code as enacted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution _____.

**CHAPTER 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Authority

- a. Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") grants the Legislature the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes.
- b. Article V, Section 2(b) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to establish Executive Departments, and to delegate legislative powers to the Executive Branch to be administered by such Departments in accordance with the law; any Department established by the Legislature shall be administered by the Executive; the Legislature reserves the power to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power.
- c. Article V, Section 2(h) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact all laws prohibiting and regulating conduct, and imposing penalties upon all persons within the jurisdiction of the Nation.
- d. Article V, Section 2(r) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to protect and foster Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions.
- e. Article V, Section 2(s) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to promote public health, education, charity, and such other services as may contribute to the social advancement of the members of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- f. Article V, Section 2(t) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws governing law enforcement on lands within the jurisdiction of the Nation.
- g. Article V, Section 2(u) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to regulate domestic relations of persons within the jurisdiction of the Nation.
- h. Article V, Section 2(x) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact any other laws, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes necessary to exercise its legislative powers delegated by the General Council pursuant to Article III including but not limited to the foregoing list of powers.

2. Purpose

The Ho-Chunk Nation recognizes that there are enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal members who have physical, cognitive and sensory impairments and may require assistance. This code will determine and define those who are considered to have a disability for program purposes.

3. Scope

This code shall cover enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal members who are defined within this code as having a disability.

4. Definitions

- a. **ACCESSIBILITY** means a general term used to describe the degree to which a product, device, service, or environment is available to as many people as possible. Accessibility can be viewed as the "ability to access" and possible benefit of some system or entity. Accessibility is often used to focus on people with disabilities or special needs and their right of access to entities, often through use of assistive technology.
- b. **ACCOMMODATIONS** means changes in the way tests or evaluations are designed or administered to respond to the special needs of individuals with disabilities.
- c. **ADA 1990** means the US Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- d. **ADDICTION** means a primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry. Dysfunction in these circuits leads to characteristic biological, psychological, social and spiritual manifestations. This is reflected in the individual pursuing reward and/or relief by substance use and other behaviors. The addiction is characterized by impairment in behavioral control, craving, inability to consistently abstain, and diminished recognition of significant problems with one's behaviors and interpersonal relationships. Like other chronic diseases, addiction can involve cycles of relapse and remission. Without treatment or engagement in recovery activities, addiction is progressive and can result in disability or premature death.
- e. **ADULT CARE** means caring for adults needing assistance in functioning during everyday activities.
- f. **ADULT EDUCATION** means the practice of teaching and educating adults. This is often done in the workplace through "extension" or "contin-

ing education" coursework. The practice is also referred to as "Training and Development" or "Andragogy."

- g. **AODA** is an acronym for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse.
- h. **APPLICATION DATE** means date completed.
- i. **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY** means assistive, adaptive, and rehabilitative devices for people with disabilities and also includes the process used in selecting, locating, and using them.
- j. **BENEFIT ANALYSIS** means the process for determining qualification for benefits and assistance through various programs of federal, state, county & tribal governments and other profit or non-profit service organizations municipalities.
- k. **BENEFITS SPECIALIST** means a person employed by an agency to research, determine and assist clients with application for assistance and further data on program services.
- l. **CATEGORICAL AID** means funds from state or federal government granted to qualifying schools or districts for specific children with special needs, certain programs such as class size reduction, or special purposes such as transportation. This aid is in addition to the funding school received for their general education programming. (Ed Source)
- m. **COGNITIVE** refers to the mental process of knowing and including aspects such as, perception, awareness, reasoning, and judgment
- n. **COMPETENCE** a cluster of related abilities, commitments, knowledge, and skills that enable a person to act effectively in a job or situation.
- o. **CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES** provided to enrolled tribal members by non-IHS public or private providers (e.g., dentists, physicians, hospitals) when services required are not offered Ho-Chunk Health Care Center / House of Wellness Clinic.
- p. **CONTRACT HEALTH REFERRED SERVICES** a patient may be referred by an authorizing official of the Indian Health Service (IHS) when the medical care required cannot be provided at the IHS facility. The referral is not an implication that the IHS will authorize payment for the cost of the care to be provided. The IHS will assume financial responsibility for referrals if the patient is eligible within a Contract Health Service Delivery Area under the Contract Health Service (CHS) regulations and is not eligible for or does not have an alternate resource. Patients who are ineligible under the CHS regulations will be financially responsible for the medical costs incurred for a referral made by the IHS.
- q. **COUNSELING** means an interaction between a professional or trained individual and a patient, intended to help the latter solve difficulties in psychosocial adjustment; counselors may also advise, opine, and instruct, in order to direct another's judgment or conduct.
- r. **CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS (COD)** having one or more substance use disorders as well as one or more mental disorders
- s. **DEGENERATIVE DISEASE** a disease in which the function or structure of the affected tissues or organs changes for the worse over time. Osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, and Alzheimer disease are examples.
- t. **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY**- Developmental disabilities are a diverse group of severe chronic conditions that are due to mental and/or physical impairments. People with developmental disabilities have problems with major life activities such as language, mobility, learning, self-help, and independent living. Developmental disabilities begin anytime during development up to 22 years of age and usually last throughout a person's lifetime.
- u. **DIAGNOSIS DATE** means the date that an individual was diagnosed with a disability by a physician or mental health professional. This date does not reflect the length of time an individual has had a disability.
- v. **DISABILITY** is a condition or function determined to significantly impair a individuals quality of life. The term is used to refer to individual functioning, including physical impairment, sensory impairment, cognitive impairment intellectual impairment, mental illness, and various types of chronic disease.
- w. **DSM** means the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, also known as the DSM-V, DSM V, or DSM-5, a detailed listing of classifications of mental disorders scheduled for publication in 2013.
- x. **DUAL DIAGNOSIS** means the presence of both mental health disorders and substance abuse disorders.
- y. **GUARDIANSHIP** award retains all his or her rights that are not assigned to the guardian or otherwise limited by statute. A guardian acting on behalf of a ward may exercise only those pow-

ers that the guardian is authorized to exercise by statute or property management of the ward in a manner that is appropriate to the ward and that constitutes the least restrictive form of intervention.

- z. **HIPAA** acronym that stands for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, a US law designed to provide privacy standards to protect patients; medical records and other health information provided to health plans, doctors, hospitals and other health care providers. Developed by the Department of Health and Human Services, these new standards provide patients with access to their medical records and more control over how their personal health information is used and disclosed. They represent a uniform, federal floor of privacy protections for consumers across the country. State laws providing additional protections to consumers are not affected by this new rule. HIPAA took effect on April 14, 2003.
- aa. **HOME HEALTH CARE** is defined as rendering predominantly medically related services to patients in a home setting rather than in a medical facility. The home care will help patients increase their ability to tend to their everyday needs at home. Home health care may include skilled nursing in addition to speech, occupational and physical therapy.
- bb. **HOSPICE** care designed to give supportive care to people in the final phase of a terminal illness and focus on comfort and quality of life, rather than cure.
- cc. **IDEA 2004** means a United States law which aims to help ensure equity, accountability and excellence in education for children with disabilities.
- dd. **INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN OR PROGRAM (IEP)** is a written plan created for a student with learning disabilities by the student's teachers, parents or guardians, the school administrator, and other interested parties. The plan is tailored to the student's specific needs and abilities, and outlines goals for the student to reach. The IEP should be reviewed at least once a year. Note: This includes 504 plans.
- ee. **INCOMPETENCY** referring to a person who is not able to manage his/her affairs due to mental deficiency (lack of I.Q., deterioration, illness or psychosis) or sometimes physical disability.
- ff. **INPATIENT/OUTPATIENT TREATMENT THERAPY** Inpatient treatment is a type of treatment in which a patient is provided with 24 hour care at a live-in facility. Both psychiatric and physical health assistance are included in this treatment. Outpatient treatment is a type of care used to treat those in need of eating disorder treatment, drug rehab, or pain treatment, to name a few. These types of programs can be very useful to those who must continue to work or attend school. Programs for outpatient treatment vary depending on the patient's needs and the facility but they typically meet a couple of times every week for a few hours at a time.
- gg. **IRREVOCABLE TRUST** means a trust that cannot be modified or terminated without the permission of the beneficiary. The grantor, having transferred assets into the trust, effectively removes all of his or her rights of ownership to the assets and the trust. This is the opposite of a "revocable trust", which allows the grantor to modify the trust.
- hh. **LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE (LTD)** is an insurance policy that protects an employee from loss of income in the event that he or she is unable to work due to illness, injury, or accident for a long period of time.
- ii. **MAINSTREAMING** is the practice of placing students with disabilities in regular classrooms; also known as "inclusion."
- jj. **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA) (MEDICAID)** is a means-tested, needs-based health insurance program jointly funded by the state and federal government.
- kk. **MEDICAL NECESSITY** means health care services and supplies provided by a health care provider appropriate to the evaluation and treatment of disease, condition, illness or injury and consistent with the applicable standard of care, including the evaluation of experimental and/or investigational services, procedures, drugs or devices.
- ll. **MEDICARE** is a federally funded health insurance program for people age 65 or older, people under age 65 with certain disabilities, and people of all ages with end stage renal disease.
- mm. **MEDICATION** means a chemical substance intended for use in the medical diagnosis, cure, treatment or prevention of disease or illness
- nn. **MEDIGAP INSURANCE POLICY** refers to various private supplemental health insurance plans sold to Medicare beneficiaries in the United States that provide coverage for medical expenses not or only partially covered by Medicare. Based

on state and Federal poverty guidelines.

oo. **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY** based on engagement in meaningful activities of daily life (as self-care skills, education, work, or social interaction), especially to enable or encourage participation in such activities in spite of impairments or limitations in physical or mental functioning.

pp. **PALLIATIVE CARE** is to relieve suffering and provide the best possible quality of life for people facing the pain, symptoms and stresses of serious illness. It is appropriate at any age and at any stage of an illness, and it can be provided along with treatments that are meant to cure.

qq. **POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA)** is legal processes were one individual grants a third party the authority to transact certain business for that individual.

rr. **PROTECTIVE PAYEE** is an individual assigned to manage public assistance payments on behalf of a recipient who is unable to manage the assistance money without help. Protective payees are appointed by the Department of Social Services. Establishing a protective payee does not require court action. Consent of the client is desirable but not required.

ss. **PHYSICAL THERAPY** for the preservation, enhancement, or restoration of movement and physical function impaired or threatened by disability, injury, or disease that utilizes therapeutic exercise, physical modalities (as massage and electrotherapy), assistive devices, and patient education.

tt. **PHYSICIAN** means a licensed medical doctor.

uu. **PSYCHIATRIST** means a licensed doctor trained in the treatment of people with psychiatric disorders.

vv. **PSYCHOLOGIST** a licensed professional who studies behavior and experience and provides therapeutic services.

ww. **PRESCRIBED NEED** means a licensed physician; psychiatrist or psychologist has determined a patient needs a specified device, plan or medication for treatment.

xx. **QUALITY OF LIFE** refers to the patient's ability to enjoy normal life activities

yy. **REHABILITATION AGENCY** is an agency which provides an integrated multidisciplinary program designed to upgrade the physical functioning of handicapped, disabled individuals by bringing together as a team specialized in rehabilitation personnel. At a minimum, a rehabilitation agency must provide physical therapy or speech pathology services, and a rehabilitation program which, in addition to physical therapy or speech pathology services, includes social or vocational adjustment services.

zz. **REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE** is an individual or organization appointed by SSA to receive Social Security and/or SSI benefits for someone who cannot manage or direct someone else to manage his or her money.

aaa. **REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE VOLUNTEER** works one-on-one with a disabled adult or an elderly person who is incapable of managing their finances.

bbb. **SHORT TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE** pays a percentage of your salary if you become

temporarily disabled, which means that you are not able to work for a short period of time due to sickness or injury not related to your job. Typically, a short term disability policy provides you with 40 to 70 percent of your pre-disability base salary.

ccc. (SSA) is an acronym for Social Security Administration.

ddd. (SSD or SSDI) is an acronym for Social Security Disability Insurance.

eee. **SPECIAL EDUCATION** means special instruction provided for students with educational or physical disabilities, tailored to each student's needs and learning style.

fff. (SSI) is an acronym for Supplemental Security Income.

ggg. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE** means the excessive consumption or misuse of substance: the excessive consumption or misuse of a substance for the sake of its non-therapeutic effects on the mind or body, especially drugs or alcohol.

hhh. **THERAPY** means the treatment of disease or disorders, as by some remedial, rehabilitating, or curative process.

iii. **TRANSPORTATION** means medical emergencies and non-emergencies for physical or health crisis.

jjj. (VA) is an acronym for Veteran's Assistance.

CHAPTER II ELIGIBILITY

4. Eligibility. The following is a list of qualifying terms to fall under this code as having a disability:

- Persons providing necessary documentation of SSDI/SSI/VA approval
- Persons supplying documentation from a physician stating the disability.
- Persons needing assistive equipment or services.
- Persons who have undergone amputation of a limb.
- Persons who have a medical necessity.
- This code shall cover enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal members who are defined within this code as having a disability.
- Enrolled Ho-Chunk Tribal members must first exhaust all available resources including tribal/state/federal and charitable benefit assistance programs that exist which may provide assistance to the Tribal member.

CHAPTER III

ADVOCACY AND CASE MANAGEMENT

5. Implementation. The Social Services Department of the Executive Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation will develop procedures and program services to provide a comprehensive access point for any tribal members with a medical, financial, or functional need to advance towards self-sufficiency and full integration into all communities.

6. Training. The Social Services Department will insure that there are personnel with the training and knowledge of resources to assist any tribal member with such needs. Staff shall serve as advocates and assist tribal members with finding and successfully applying for services.

7. Appropriations The Legislature shall appropriate sufficient funds to the Executive Branch in order to employ such persons at the level deemed both quantitatively and qualitatively competent by the

Executive Director of Social Services.

8. Resources The Social Services Department shall compile and maintain an updated, comprehensive list of local, county, state, federal, non-profit and private resources providing services and or equipment (supplies). Home health care services, the home care will help patients increase their ability to tend to their everyday needs at home. Home health care may include skilled nursing in addition to speech, occupational and physical therapy. In many cases, it includes assistance with cooking and other household chores. It also includes monthly reports to Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services.

9. Reports Case advocates shall give a written quarterly report[s] regarding case status to Legislative Administration Committee. Status updates quarterly to Legislative Administration Committee, i.e. age group, numbers served, and area or district.

CHAPTER IV PAYER OF LAST RESORT

10. Payment. If a person is determined to have a disability as defined within this code, it is in the Ho-Chunk Nation's interest to ensure that when all other resources have been exhausted and there is still a need for equipment, housing accessibility adaptation, supplies or other items deemed necessary for a quality of life equal to that of a person with no limitations, the Legislature shall allocate funds for such needs.

- An advocate for the person needing assistance shall assist with submitting a letter of request and documentation of disability and denials from other sources to the Legislature unless,
- The Legislature has allocated funds to the Executive Branch designated for such needs.
- The Ho-Chunk Nation shall be the Payer of Last Resort. Enrolled Ho-Chunk Tribal members must first exhaust all available resources including Tribal/State/Federal and charitable benefit assistance programs that exist which may provide assistance to the Tribal member.

11. Medigap. Tribal members on Medicare may request for assistance in obtaining Medigap Coverage (Medicare supplemental insurance) if they are on a limited income. Medigap premiums may be paid through the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Management Program.

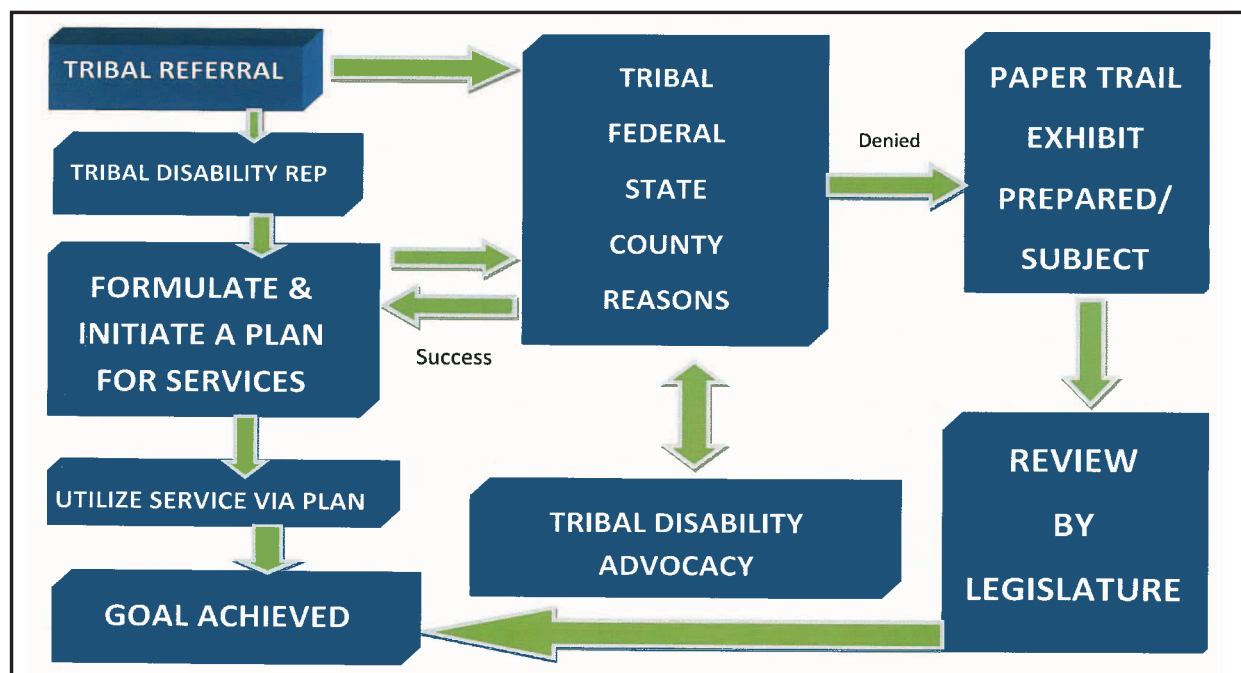
12. Charitable Resources. Other Charitable Resources that includes but not limited to such organizations as; i.e., Ronald Mc Donald House, Shriners, Miracle Network, American Heart Association.

13. Severability. Should any provisions of this Code be determined invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidated provision shall be severed and the remainder of this Code shall not be affected.

14. Coverage and Effective Date.

- This Code shall be in full force and effect as of the date of the formal approval and enactment by the Ho-Chunk Legislature.

15. Sovereign Immunity. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to waive the sovereign immunity of the Ho-Chunk Nation or any of its enterprises, officers, agents, or employees.





HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
 AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE PROPOSED
 HO-CHUNK DISABILITY CODE (4 HCC §12)
 OUT FOR FORTY-FIVE DAY PUBLIC COMMENT**

RESOLUTION 03-06-13N

- WHEREAS,** On November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") grants the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS** Article V, Section 2(b) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to establish Executive Departments, and to delegate legislative powers to the Executive branch to be administered by such Departments, in accordance with the law; any Department established by the Legislature shall be administered by the Executive; the Legislature reserves the power to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(h) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact all laws prohibiting and regulating conduct, and imposing penalties upon all persons within the jurisdiction of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(r) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to protect and foster Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(s) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to promote public health, education, charity, and such other services as may contribute to the social advancement of the members of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(t) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws governing law enforcement on lands within the jurisdiction of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(u) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to regulate domestic relations of person within the jurisdiction of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(x) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact any other laws, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes necessary to exercise its Legislative powers delegated by the General Council pursuant to Article III including but not limited to the foregoing list of powers; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislature enacted the *Legislative Organization Act* (2 HCC § 11) by Legislative Resolution 2/13/01D; and
- WHEREAS,** The *Legislative Organization Act* controls the process for amendments to laws of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 31, subparagraph d (1) (a) of the *Legislative Organization Act* provides that the Public Review period will typically be forty-five days; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Disability Code recognizes that there are enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal members who have physical, cognitive and sensory impairments who may require assistance and defines those who are considered to have a disability for program purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature created the Elder/Disabled Insurance Workgroup on December 21, 2010; and
- WHEREAS,** the Elder/Disabled Insurance Workgroup has been meeting since its establishment and recommends placing the attached Ho-Chunk Disability Code out for forty-five day public comment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, places the Ho-Chunk Disability Code (4 HCC §12), out for forty-five day public comment, to run from the date the proposed Code is posted on the Nation's website.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 13 members of whom 11 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the 6th day of March, 2013, adopted the foregoing resolution at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 11 members, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, pursuant to the Article V, Section 2(a) and (x) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that the foregoing resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

Hope B. Smith
 Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

March 6, 2013
 Date

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SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor :

E.D., DOB 12/14/2000 O.A. DOB 09/18/2003

R.A. DOB 10/26/2006 G.A. 10/31/2008

Case : JV 09-07 JV 09-08

JV 09-09 JV 09-10

**TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL
 CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S):**

Owenita WhiteEagle

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled guardianship case. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene a *Guardianship Hearing* in accordance with HOC-CHUNK NATION THIRD PARTY GUARDIANSHIP ACT, Para. 11.13a. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must appear along with the at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **1:30 pm** on the **21st** day of **March 2013** for the following purpose: *Guardianship Hearing*. Parties may seek to appear by telephone by submitting a written request and accompanying *Certificate of Service* to the presiding judge. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5(B). Pursuant to HOC-CHUNK NATION THIRD PARTY GUARDIANSHIP ACT, Para. 11.13c, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

**NOTICE - VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT
 TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.
 SUBPOENAS: THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A
 SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING
 TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE
 COURT. THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS
 MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO
 APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO
 FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.**

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

**Stephen P. Thorpe, Petitioner, v. Lyra M. Decora,
 Respondent.**

Case : FM 13-02

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Lyra M. Decora

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled action for divorce. This legal notice of the *Petition for Divorce* (Without Minor Children) is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *DIVORCE AND CUSTODY ORDINANCE*, Para. 3d. Also, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely Answer in the time allowed can result in a default judgment being entered against you. *Id.*, Rule 54.

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

**Gundersen Clinic, Ltd., Petitioner, v. Brett Blackdeer,
 Respondent.**

Case : CG 13-033

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Brett Blackdeer

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely Answer in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, Rule 54.

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

**State of WI & Eau Claire County, Petitioner, v. Cody J.
 Downey, Respondent.**

Case : CS 13-05

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Cody J. Downey

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See *RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE*, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely Answer in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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Wisconsin's Tornado & Severe Weather Awareness Week

April 15-19, 2013 - Listen, Act and Live!

Submitted by Nicholas Flugaur, Ho-Chunk Nation Emergency Management

Listen, Act and Live! Those words could protect you and your family during severe storm season. Listening to warnings and seeking shelter immediately will save lives. That's why the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Emergency Management, Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), ReadyWisconsin and the National Weather Service (NWS) have teamed up for Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week April 15-19, 2013.

Did you know that...

- Wisconsin averages 23 tornadoes annually.
- Last year, only 4 tornadoes were reported in Wisconsin by the NWS. The strongest tornado in 2012 hit near Patch Grove in Grant County on September 4. No fatalities or injuries were reported.
- In 2011, 38 tornadoes in Wisconsin were confirmed by the NWS, the fourth highest number on record. On August 19, a man was killed when a tornado with winds of 105 mph struck Marinette County.
- The peak tornado season in Wisconsin is April to August, but tornadoes can

occur any time of year, like the January 7, 2008 storms near Kenosha.

On Thursday, April 18, 2013, a statewide tornado drill is planned. At 1:00pm, the National Weather Service will issue a statewide mock tornado watch and at 1:45pm a statewide mock tornado warning. Many radio and TV stations will participate in



the drill. In addition, NOAA weather radios (also known as emergency weather radios) will issue alert messaging. This is an ideal opportunity for schools, businesses and families to practice safe procedures for severe weather.

Important: The tornado drill will take place even if the sky is cloudy, dark and/or rainy. If actual severe storms are expected in the state on Thursday April 18, the tornado drill will be postponed until Friday, April 19 with the same times. If severe storms are possible Friday the drill will be cancelled.

The 2013 Tornado Drill will consist of a mock tornado

watch and a mock tornado warning for all of Wisconsin. This is a great opportunity for your school, business and community to practice your emergency plans.

DRILL SCHEDULE:

1:00 p.m. - National Weather Service issues a mock tornado watch for all of Wisconsin (a watch means tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms).

1:45 p.m. - National Weather Service issues mock tornado warning for all of Wisconsin (a warning means a tornado has been sighted or indicated on weather radar. Move to a safe place immediately).

2:00 p.m. - End of mock tornado watch/warning drill
The tornado drill will take place even if the sky is cloudy, dark and/or rainy. If actual severe storms are expected in the state on Thursday, April 18, the tornado drill will be postponed until Friday, April 19 with the same times. If severe storms are possible Friday, the drill will be cancelled. Information on the status of the drill will be posted at ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov.



Most local and state radio, TV and cable stations will be participating in the drill. Television viewers and radio station listeners will hear a message at 1:45 p.m. indicating that "This is a test." The mock tornado warning will last about one minute on radio and TV stations across Wisconsin and when the test is finished, stations will return to normal programming.

In addition, alerts for both the mock tornado watch and warning will be issued over NOAA weather radios.

This is a great opportunity for you to practice your

tornado emergency plan with family, friends, and co-workers. Schools will also participate in the drill. During storm season - follow this message: Listen, Act and Live. Don't ignore watches and warnings. Listen and take action. Every second counts. Don't wait... go to a safe place right away!

The drill will also occur at the same time in Minnesota and will be broadcast on radio and TV stations in that state as well.

Storm Spotter training offered by National Weather Service

The National Weather Service (NWS) will be holding a SKYWARN Severe Weather Spotter Training class in Black River Falls, WI on Tuesday, April 9th. The training will be held at the HoChunk Nation Tribal Office atrium starting at 6:30 p.m., located at W9814 Airport Road.

The class will last around 2 hours and includes a multimedia presentation. Training is intended for storm spotters or potential storm spotters, but is open to the public and free of charge. A review of significant weather that hit the region in 2011 and 2012 will be included.

The NWS relies heavily on actual storm reports from "spotters", which can include

sheriff's departments, local emergency management officials, police and fire departments, amateur radio operators, or anyone else that has attended one of these classes. These reports can prompt warnings that save lives, which has been proven many times through the years when severe weather strikes.

Todd Shea, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the weather service in La Crosse, Wisconsin organizes the training each year and encourages large groups and active volunteers. "Accurate and timely reports of severe weather, by trained individuals, not only helps our office, but can save lives in the local community. We always need more eyes to the

sky."

Jackson County, as well as other areas of western Wisconsin, always needs more "ground-truth" weather reports to pass along to the National Weather Service. Again, training is Tuesday, April 9th in Black River Falls, WI starting at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is not needed.

For further questions, you can contact Jackson County Emergency Management or the National Weather Service at:

Todd Shea, WCM
National Weather Service
N2788 County Road FA
La Crosse, WI 54601
The service has a home page on the Internet: www.weather.gov/lacrosse
E-mail: todd.shea@noaa.gov

Voluntary State Tax Withholding Available for August 2013 Per Capita

On Tuesday, March 19, 2013 the Legislature approved a resolution that permits the voluntary withholding of state taxes from quarterly per capita starting with the August 1, 2013 distribution. Enrollment will include a voluntary state tax withholding option on the annual Address Verification Form that will be sent to all enrolled tribal members in June 2013. Should a member request voluntary state tax withholding, they will need to note the name of the state and dollar amount requested to be withheld annually. Enrollment will divide the annual withholding amount by four (4) to arrive at the voluntary state withholding deduction each quarter.

Sandra Gleason
Treasurer

SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL COURT Gundersen Clinic LTD, Petitioner, v. Quintin Winneshiek, Respondent. Case : CG 13-036

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Quintin Winneshiek

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL COURT Alliance Collection Agencies, Inc., Petitioner, v. Kelly Funmaker, Respondent. Case : CG 13-030

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Kelly Funmaker

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WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN



MEETING MONTHLY

Are you interested in **speaking your mind**, **meeting new friends**, and **learning helpful life skills**? Please join us for a free, non-judgmental support group open to women of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs. We are committed to empowerment, self-growth.

EMBRACE BEING A WOMAN

For meeting information in your area contact one of the facilitators below

Contact: Heather Kingslien
(608)780-1399
hmkingslien@yahoo.com

La Crosse

Angela Smith
(715) 284-2622 ext. 5135
angela.smith@ho-chunk.com

Black River Falls

Julia Persike
(608) 445-3111
JuliaPersike@charter.net

Baraboo/Dells

Jan Red Cloud
Jan.RedCloud@yahoo.com

Wittenberg

Suggested Topics

- Healthy Relationships
- Emotion Management
- Fitness & Nutrition
- Spirituality
- Women's Health
- Simplicity
- Mindfulness
- Parenting

Strength in unity



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715-284-2622

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May 4, 2013

Black River Falls, WI USA

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Black River Falls High School, 1200 Pierce Street
Registration 8:00 - 8:45 AM Play begins 9:00 AM Sharp!

Must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe and show proof of enrollment during registration. Open to 18 years and older out of high school. For more information contact Katie at: 715-896-5452 or e-mail Katie.funmaker@ho-chunk.com	\$150.00 Registration Fee \$1,000.00 First Place \$750.00 Second Place \$500.00 Third Place \$200 Team Furthest Traveled
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The Ho-Chunk Nation, Black River Falls School District or the volleyball event staff are not responsible for accidents, injury or theft. Tobacco use, alcohol, drugs and firearms are prohibited on the school campus and buildings.

VETERANS BENEFITS FAIR

ALL VETERANS WELCOME

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building Atrium
Wednesday, May 15, 2013 • 1:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Hosted by Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs
Tomah Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Registration, Enrollment & Eligibility
Homeless Veterans Initiative • Veterans Transportation System
Audiology Services • Outreach & Health Promotion
Women's Health Coordinator • WDVA Home Loan & Job Program
OEI/OIF Program • State Benefit Programs

Please bring a copy of your DD214- if you are looking for benefits for the first time. The copy must be legible and must show character of discharge (e.g. Honorable, Under Honorable Conditions)

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W9149 WA KA JA HUK ROAD
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615

Special General Council

April 20th, 2013
Rothschild, WI

Hotel List

Candlewood Suites – Wausau Rib Mountain 803 Industrial Park Avenue Rothschild, WI 54474 (715) 355-8900 \$98.00/night Exit 185, I-39/51	Grand Lodge Waterpark Resort 805 Creske Avenue Rothschild, WI 54474 (715) 241-6300 \$149-\$189/night Exit 185, I-39/51
Motel 6 Rothschild 904 W. Industrial Park Avenue Rothschild, WI 54474 (715) 355-3030 \$55.99/night Exit 185, I-39/51	Econo Lodge 1510 County XX Rothschild, WI 54474 (715) 355-4449 \$64.99-\$69.99/night Exit 185, I-39/51
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Wausau-Rothschild 1000 Imperial Avenue Rothschild, WI 54474 (715) 355-1111 \$109-\$139/night Exit 185, I-39/51	Best Western Wittenberg Inn & Northwoods Conference Center W17267 Red Oak Lane Wittenberg, WI (715) 253-3755 \$70.00/night Exit 198, State Hwy 29
Stoney Creek Inn 1100 Imperial Avenue Rothschild, WI 54474 (715) 355-6858 \$79.00/night Exit 185, I-39/51	Super 8 Hotel 2006 West Stewart Avenue Wausau, WI \$69.88- \$74.88 (715)848-2888

Tribal Members will need to mention that they are attending the "Special General Council" in order to receive the Government Flat Rate.

Deadline for transportation to the Special General Council will be on Friday April 12th, 2013. Tribal members will need to sign up at the area Branch Offices.

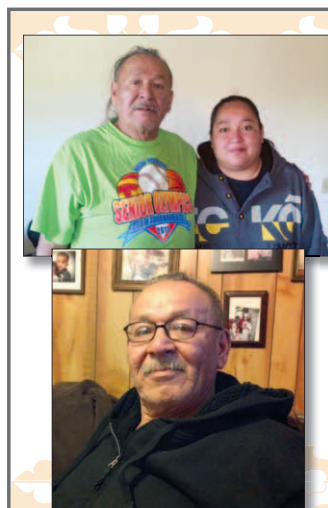
For more information please contact The Office of the General Council
Telephone: (715) 284-7891 or (715)284-6343 Ext: 1070 & 1075

A successful swim season

Mikaila ended her Short Course Swim Season with the Minnesota 2013 Age Group State Championship. She swam both Prelims and Finals in this 3 day event. She has 12 State Champ titles but was only allowed to swim 7 in her age group. She competed in the 11-12 Girls 50 fly, 100 fly, 200 fly, 200 free, 100 IM, 50 back, and 100 back. She came in 6th place in the 200 fly with a time of 2:28.32 and also set a new team record. She also placed 10th in the 100 IM, 15th in the 100 fly, 20th in the 200 free, 23rd in the 50 back, 27th in the 100 back and 30th in the 50 fly. She swam hard and fast but struggled with a knee injury preventing her from reaching her full potential. Her strength and determination during a difficult time was amazing and an inspiration to us all! With her times, Mikaila has also qualified for 3 swims at the NASA Showcase Classic Swimming Championship, which is held in Clearwater, FL on April 1-3. It is for elite swimmers that meet the National Motivational Time Standards in the "AAA" category. Her Short Course Swim Season has also brought many accomplishments. She has 5 new team records for the 100 fly at 1:05.39, 200 fly at 2:28.32, 100 back at 1:06.71, 200 back at 2:25.40, and 500 free at 5:41.06. She also got a zone time in her 50 free with 26.98. Her state times in her other events are 100 free at 59.48, 200 free at 2:07.61, 50 back at 30.62, 100 IM at 1:06.51, and the 200 IM at 2:26.19. Mikaila swims for HASA in Hudson, WI. She swims year round and will start the Long Course Season April 1st. She is the daughter of Dennis and Shannon Thompson and the Granddaughter of the late Preston Thompson.



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Ah-ho Relatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation!

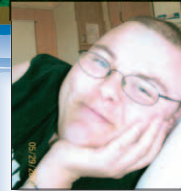
I, Terrence Snake, son of Reuben Harold Snake & Anna Winneshiek Snake, would like to thank you for your prayers and monetary donations.

A blockage was detected at the clinic and they sent me to U.N.M. Albuquerque hospital for a catheterization procedure which was done on March 12th, 2013.

May Mahuna bless you for donating funds for my Brothers Norman Snake Sr., Richard & Sister-in-Law (Cheri) to be here in New Mexico during this difficult time.

Thank you for all your Prayers.

Terrence Snake, Lorraine & Family
Picuris Pueblo, New Mexico




CALLI JOE DECORAH

WON-GEJA-HUGA

Calli Joe Decorah was born to Barbara and Leslie Decorah Jr. July 19, 1983 and passed away February 25, 2013 from complications due to Leukemia. He is survived by his mother Barbara, sister Emmalee, brother Tye (Sarah), niece Kahlea Jade, nephew Aiden Leslie, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father Leslie Decorah Jr., grandfather Leslie Decorah Sr., grandmother Lucille Bearchief, grandfather Robert Wilsman, and grandmother Elizabeth Wilsman.

Calli Joe graduated from Neillsville High School in 2002. He worked at the Majestic Pines Casino as a production cook in Black River Falls which he loved doing. He also was a very talented Photographer and loved to fish. He resided at Neillsville until February 2012 at which time he moved to Janesville to be closer to the hospital he was receiving his treatments at. No matter what life dealt him he always had a smile on his face and put others before himself. He was very close to his family and will be greatly missed but will live on in their hearts forever.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday February 28, 2013 at the Decorah Prairie Cemetery, Galesville, WI. Condolence cards may be sent to his home, 6219 Hwy 51 South Lot 174, Janesville, WI 53546.



Critical Core Employee Skills Training

Thursdays from 1-4 pm

- April 4—WTC Campus—Communicate Clearly
- April 11—WTC Campus—Work Cooperatively in Teams
- April 18—WTC Campus—Listen Effectively
- April 25 - WTC Campus—Think Critically

All Ho-Chunk Nation employees are welcome to attend these classes

Limit 25 per class

Please contact Melissa Johnson, Julie Rodriguez, or Sage Funmaker to register or for more information. 715-284-5877


715-284-5877 800-294-9343 Fax: 715-284-1520

Labor is offering training classes!

Topics covered include:

- **Communicate Clearly:** learn to be clear and concise when giving directions and presenting information in an organized format and to communicate in writing using appropriate grammar, spelling, format, and technical terms, according to established writing standards.
- **Work Cooperatively in Teams:** learn to work with others on a team to solve problems by identifying their responsibilities as team members, participating in group decision making, and applying the strengths and opinions of others to complete projects.
- **Listen Effectively:** learn to listen so that specific and complicated directions are not misunderstood or misapplied. Learning activities help participants listen so that the message can be accurately interpreted, provide feedback while listening to demonstrate active receipt of a message, and incorporate appropriate body language into the listening process
- **Think Critically:** learn to differentiate assumptions from reality, maintain an open mind approaching concepts and problems from different perspectives, and use systematic, logical thinking to analyze processes.

Skills you need or may want to touch up on to enhance and improve your employability.



April 2013 District Meetings

Staff will provide information on Higher Education programs

Baraboo	Madison	Tomah
Black River Falls	Milwaukee	WI Dells
Green Bay	Minneapolis/St. Paul	WI Rapids
La Crosse	*Wittenberg and Chicago will be visited in May 2013	

For more information, contact:
(800) 362-4476 or higher.education@ho-chunk.com

NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. **ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS** and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

Chapter 1, Section 5. Elections. The Constitution prescribes two (2) types of elections; General Elections and Special Elections. When Three (3) or more candidates run for a seat in a General or a Special Election, there shall be Primary Election and, if required, a Runoff Election as described in Section 5, paragraph (1)

(3) Any candidate who received fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total votes cast shall be deemed as the winner.

Therefore the following were Declared Winners in their respective Districts as of March 5, 2013:

District 1, Seat1: Greg Blackdeer
District 2, Seat 3: David Greendeer
District 5, Seat 1: Kathyleen Vidette Lonetree-Whiterabbit
District 5, Seat 3: Gregory A. Littlejohn
District 5, Seat 4: Matt Mullen

Supreme Court Chief Justice: Mary Jo Brooks Hunter
Supreme Court Associate Justice 1: Dr. Jeremy Patrick Rockman, EDD

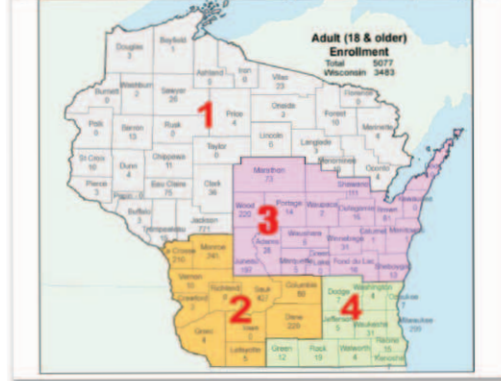
b. General Elections

(1). General Elections shall be held in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, which states: *Section 1. General Elections. General Elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in June of odd numbered years. Offices of the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary shall be filled at General Elections*

Therefore the following will be placed on the ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, June 4, 2013

LEGISLATURE:
District 1, Seat 3
July 2013 – July 2017
Rhonda Winneshiek-Anderson
Douglas G. Greengrass

Ho-Chunk Nation Enrolled Adults and Legislative Districts, January 2010



District 2, Seat 2:
July 2013 – June 2017
Henning Garvin
James Greendeer

District 3, Seat 2:
July 2013 – June 2017
Darren Brinegar
Kimberly Waukau

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district **for at least three (3) months prior to the date of the General Election.** See Election Board Ordinance Sec. 11(b)

REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing identification before receiving an Official Ballot. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Challenges must be received at the Election Office prior to 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Such claims or challenges may be hand-delivered, faxed or mailed to:

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
206 South Roosevelt Road
P.O. Box 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
FAX NUMBER (715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the eligible voters list immediately after the close of the challenge period. The Election Board shall post the list of eligible voters at the location of the Polling Places at least thirty (30) calendar days before the election. The Election Board shall accept written challenges to the list of eligible voters until twenty (20) calendar days before the election. Deadline to challenge the candidates (s) list to Election Board is Tuesday, May 14, 2013 @ 4:30 p.m

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Wednesday, May 29, 2013 by 4:00 P.M. See Election Board Code, sec. 12 a (1) Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS Next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number. Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX AND UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

ELECTIONEERING:

There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places. See Election Board Code Sect. 13(i)

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election. See Election Board Code, Sect. 14(h) (3)

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court. HCN Constitution Article VIII, Sect. 7 and Election Code 18(a).

POLLING PLACES:

OPEN AT 8:00 A.M AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.

•BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI.
HHCA
INDIAN MISSION
715/299-6104

•TOMAH, WI
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
358 EOS ROAD
608/372-4547

•LACROSSE, WI.
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE
724 MAIN STREET
608/783-6025

•WISCONSIN DELLS, WI.
HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 WHITEEAGLE ROAD
608/355-1254

•WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI.
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM. BLD.
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE
715/886-5444

•WITTENBERG, WI.
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
W17956 WITT-BIRN TOWNLINE ROAD
715/253-3536

•CHICAGO, IL.
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE
5744 W IRVING PARK RD
773/202-8433

•MILWAUKEE, WI.
MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE
3501 S. HOWELL AVENUE
414/747-8680

•ST PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS, MN
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH OFFICE
1821 UNIVERSITY AVE. SO. STE 409A
651/641-1801

•MADISON, WI.
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
1320 MENDOTA STREET
608/277-9741

GREEN BAY, WI
BRANCH OFFICE
1047 9th Street
920/360-1898

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INDIAN HEIGHTS
N9557 DYER AVENUE
715/299-6104.

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